

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of	) MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Regine Hakenbeck	) Group Art Unit: 1637
Application No.: 10/678,650	) Examiner: Cynthia B. Wilder
Filed: October 6, 2003	) Confirmation No.: 7623
For: DNA PROBES, METHOD AND KIT FOR IDENTIFYING ANTIBIOTIC- RESISTANT STRAINS OF BACTERIA	) ) ) )

## Amendment and Reply

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 3, 2006, which sets forth a requirement for restriction, Applicants make an election, set forth in the remarks below, and traverse the requirement for restriction in part.

In addition, prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: